

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A system for managing at least one parameter  
5 associated with a first component (e.g. a process, a  
device, an application program etc.). The at least one  
parameter comprises at least three values corresponding to  
a minimum value and a maximum value together representing a  
range and a variable value. The system further comprises a  
10 data structure having data associated with the at least one  
parameter, means for accessing the data structure, means  
for monitoring the variable value, and means, responsive to  
the variable value lying within the range, for managing the  
at least one parameter.